

Red Raiders Trounce Acadia and St. FX

UNB Red Raiders showed the rest of the Maritime basketball league that Dalhousie, St. Mary's and St. F. X. are not the only teams in the league this year, by chalking up convincing back-to-back wins over Acadia and "X" in weekend action. On Friday night, it was a 74-50 victory over a much-weakened Acadia team and on Saturday, a more closely-fought 90-70 win over highly-touted St. F. X.

Acadia

With fans expecting a real battle against Acadia who last year posted a 12-0 record in league action under coach Stu Aberdeen, Acadia was only a shadow of its former self with a new coach and only Peter Pike returning from last year's starting five. Acadia came out in a hustling zone defence to stay with the Raiders for the first few minutes of the game - at one time leading 11-10. But then their offence came to a grinding halt as the Raiders scored 19 points without a reply to take the lead 29-11. After that it was no contest with the Raiders playing consistent offence and defence to finally win 74-50. Half time score was 33-15 UNB.

Dave Hill led UNB with 17 points - scoring 8 of the Raiders first 12 points to settle down a somewhat nervous but fired-up UNB team who doubtless had unhappy memories of years of domination by the Acadia powerhouse. Dave Nutbrown also led the first half onslaught with 12 of his 16 points. Rick Cotter played a good all-round game to follow with 13 points and Rod Cox took advantage of the few shots he took to mesh 12.

Peter Pike was the only Axeman to show shades of the old Acadia brilliance with

a few pretty drives for 11 points but the rest of the Acadia team were essentially nervous rookies with none of the old Acadia "super" confidence. Estabrook for Acadia did, however, display some ability and poise in scoring 15 points to lead Acadia.

St. Francis

Much more was expected of St. F. X. who also own a victory over Acadia and dropped a heart-breaking double-overtime game to Dal 122-121 earlier in the season. Expectations were justified.

"X" started in a hustling half-court zone press with two men on the ball at all times which made life difficult for even such sharp backcourt men as UNB's Dave Nutbrown and Rod Cox. UNB jumped into a quick 10-3 lead in the opening minutes of the game but St. F. X.'s tight zone press began to pay off and a couple of steals and an extremely good fast break sent them into the lead. They opened their widest margin of the game - 28-24 with about 12 minutes gone in the game. But now UNB's bread and butter man-to-man defence began to take its own toll, and Dave Hill threw in basket after basket as the Raiders scored nine straight points for a 33-28 lead. Hill, who undoubtedly played the best game of his life, continued his personal onslaught on the St. F. X. basket scoring 20 points in the first half to lead UNB to a 49-39 half-time score. Nutbrown also notched some beautiful baskets for 11 points at the half. Eut John Gorham for "X" was having a hot night too for "X" and showed extremely accurate shooting in scoring 14 points by half-time.

But the game was far from over as the capacity Saturday

night crowd well knew. UNB hung on desperately to its slim ten point lead in the third quarter leading 56-46 and 68-58 at various times. But now "X" started to make its drive and narrowed the gap to seven points 70-63 with about seven minutes remaining in the game. A few crucial baskets here by "X" and the game might have gone either way, but the Raiders showed the advantage of a balanced attack with Cotter suddenly coming to life with several good drives to sew up the victory. The Raiders also slowed the ball down beautifully with Nutbrown making some dazzling dribbling displays, and Cox and Cotter handling the ball admirably, forcing "X" to foul in order to get possession of the ball. UNB just ran basic plays in order to set up easy baskets and were surprisingly successful with a simple "double cut off the post" which set Cotter and Nutbrown loose to score easily. Thus UNB started to pull away and coasted to a 90-70 win.

Dave Hill played an outstanding game against "X" ending up with 29 points on eleven field goals and seven foul shots, and was a decisive factor in the victory. Nutbrown also did everything well while scoring 23. Cotter had a slow start with only 4 points in the first half but hooped eleven crucial points in the second half for his game total of 15. Rod Cox showed unusual calmness and poise under pressure for a freshman rookie while swishing ten points. Dan Patterson was strong on the boards but showed an inexplicable aversion to shoot the ball - especially close to the basket which undoubtedly would have added to the 10 points he did score.

Red Devils Win Over Acadia 4-1

Herb Madill pumped home 3 goals and the UNB Red Devils skated off with a 4-1 victory over Acadia Axemen last Saturday afternoon. The win, coming in the first game of the 1968 portion of the Devils' MIHL schedule, brought UNB's league mark to 2-3. This record is good enough for a third place tie with Mt. Allison and St. Thomas in the MIHL standings.

Saturday's win was also the Red Devil's first since November 19 and comes on the heels of the Devil's worst slump in recent memory. Going into the Acadia fixture, the Red Devils had lost 10 games in a row.

UNB's skating, passing and checking in the Acadia game held out hope for a winning season for the Devil's after a disastrous start.

The Devil's held the edge in offensive play throughout the game, but a tight Axeman defence and some fine goaltending by Acadia's Bob Ring held the Devils to 4 goals.

The two squads skated through a scoreless first period. But action picked up in the second frame with Acadia scoring first from a face-off to the left of Jacobson in the Devil net.

John Gorham was the whole heart of the St. F. X. offence with 27 points and made a valiant attempt to pull out the victory. But UNB's controlled and balanced attack was just too much for one man to overcome. However, St. F. X. has an impressive team and you can be sure that it's going to be a very close game when the Raiders go the play "X" in their back yard this weekend . . .

Next Weekend

UNB travels to Acadia and St. F. X. this weekend for two "must" games if they have

Madill's first goal of the afternoon knotted the score at 1-1 after two periods.

Ian Lutes scored UNB's third goal from a goal mouth scramble before Madill scored twice more. Madill's third goal came on a pretty passing play with Martin Winslow and Austin Duquette.

visions of taking the Maritime championship. They should beat Acadia but the "X" game will probably be a matter of a very few points either way - although UNB's 20 point home victory seems to give them a slight edge.

Winter Carnival Sports Car Rally

Come one, come all, to the UNB Winter Carnival Rally being held next weekend Jan. 28 and 29. The UNB Sports Car Club is holding its eleventh annual Carnival Rally and all rally enthusiasts are invited to enter. The rally is open to non-club members as well as members. Registration will take place Sat. Jan. 28 at the Students Centre beginning at 6 p.m. The first car is expected to leave at 10 p.m.

The rally will run throughout the night with an approximate length of 350 miles. Rally-master Pete McNutt plans on employing several types of instructions throughout the rally. Instructions should not prove too difficult, however. Competitors will be given several rest stops through the night to permit buying food and gas. The rally is expected to end around noon on Sunday.

The winners of the rally will receive the Alpine Cup donated by Moosehead Breweries. Beer steins will also be awarded to top place finishers. Other awards and prizes are being offered including a sportsmanship award.

Entries for the rally will be accepted up until 8 p.m. the night of the rally, but it is hoped that persons wishing to enter will send their entry forms in prior to the rally. These forms can be obtained from either Pete McNutt; Phone 5-9318; Dwight Scott.. Engineering Bldg. or Ron Grant...Aitken House. Entries should be mailed to: UNBSCC P.O. Box 356 Fredericton

Information on the rally will be available at the next club meeting, Thursday, January 26 in the Students Center.

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